

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

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1. (currently amended) A method for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user equipment, comprising:

providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a visual display; and

giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

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2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising notifying the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 further comprising indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising reminding the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

10. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

    creating a wager based on user inputs;  
    giving the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and  
    reminding the user to finalize the wager.

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11. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user television equipment, comprising user equipment configured to:

    provide a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a visual display; and  
    give the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user television equipment.

12. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to notify the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

13. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

14. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to display the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

15. (original) The system of claim 14 further comprising user equipment configured to indicate whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to record, in a

multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

17. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to remind the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

18. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to give the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

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19. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to display a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

20. (original) The system of claim 11 further comprising user equipment configured to:

create a wager based on user inputs;  
give the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and

remind the user to finalize the wager.

21. (currently amended) A method for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically using electronic user equipment, comprising:

giving the user the ability to specify conditions via the user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and

automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

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22. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein automatically participating in the lottery comprises using a default set of lottery numbers.

23. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

24. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein automatically participating in the lottery comprises using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers.

25. (original) The method of claim 21 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

26. (original) The method of claim 21 further comprising automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

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27. (currently amended) A system for using an interactive wagering application to allow a user to

participate in a lottery automatically comprising electronic user equipment configured to:

the user the ability to specify conditions via the user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and

automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

28. (original) The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to use a default set of

lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

29. (original) The system of claim 28 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

30. (original) The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to use a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

131 31. (original) The system of claim 27 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

32. (original) The system of claim 27 further comprising user equipment configured to automatically participate in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

33. (currently amended) An interactive wagering system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented to allow a user to participate in lottery wagering using user television equipment, comprising:

means for providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a visual display; and

means for giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

34. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for notifying the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

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35. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 34 wherein the notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

36. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for displaying the results

to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

37. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 36 further comprising means for indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

38. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

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39. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for reminding the user of an upcoming lottery drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

40. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

41. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising means for displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

42. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 33 further comprising:

means for creating a wager based on user inputs;

means for giving the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and

means for reminding the user to finalize the wager.

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43. (currently amended) A system in which an interactive wagering application is implemented to allow a user to participate in a lottery automatically, comprising:

means for giving the user the ability to specify conditions via the electronic user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and

means for automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

44. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for using a default set of lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

45. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 44 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

46. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 43 further comprising means for using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

47. (previously presented) The system defined in claim 43 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

48. (previously presented) The system of claim 43 further comprising means to automatically participate in the

lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

49. (currently amended) Machine-readable media for use in an interactive wagering system, in which an interactive wagering application that allows a user to participate in lottery wagering is at least partially implemented on user television equipment, wherein the media is encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

providing a listing of lotteries in which the user can participate on a visual display; and

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giving the user the ability to participate in at least one of the lotteries using the user equipment.

50. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for notifying the user that results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated are available.

51. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 50 wherein notification is selected from a group consisting of a pop-up overlay, an icon, an e-mail, an

instant message, a pager message, a telephone message, and any combination thereof.

52. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for displaying the results to at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

53. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 52 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for indicating whether the user won for each of the lotteries for which results are displayed.

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54. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for recording, in a multimedia format, the lottery drawings associated with the lotteries in which the user participated.

55. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for reminding the user of an upcoming lottery

drawing associated with at least one of the lotteries in which the user participated.

56. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for giving the user the ability to generate a lottery gift certificate.

57. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for displaying a user interface to the user to use in creating a wager for at least one of the lotteries, wherein the user interface is customized for each one of the lotteries.

58. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 49 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for:

creating a wager based on user inputs;  
giving the user the ability to finalize the wager at a later time; and  
reminding the user to finalize the wager.

59. (currently amended) Machine-readable media for use in an interactive wagering application system in which is implemented an interactive wagering application that allows a user to participate in a lottery automatically, wherein the machine-readable media is encoded with machine-readable instructions for performing the method comprising:

giving the user the ability to specify conditions via the electronic user equipment on which the interactive wagering application is at least partially implemented; and automatically participating in the lottery on

behalf of the user when the conditions have been met.

60. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for using a default set of lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

61. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 60 wherein the default set of lottery numbers are user-specified.

62. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable

instructions for using a set of randomly generated lottery numbers when automatically participating in the lottery.

63. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 59 wherein the conditions are based on factors selected from the group consisting of a period of time from the last time the user participated in the lottery, the lottery prize, odds of winning, and any combination thereof.

64. (previously presented) The machine-readable media of claim 59 further encoded with machine-readable instructions for automatically participating in the lottery on behalf of the user every time the lottery is offered.

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